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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Lord of history, if a sparrow does not fall without Your knowledge, certainly the issues facing our Senate concern You.

Your Word assures us that in everything, You are working for the good of those who love You. May that promise guide our lawmakers as they seek equitable and just solutions to complicated problems.

Lord, give our Senators the wisdom to discern, courage to believe, and the determination to do Your will.

Bless, O God, the faithful men and women who manage the machinery of the Senate, without whom this legislative body could not function. Thank You for their efficient and productive work.

Lord, fill this Chamber with Your presence.

We ask in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

POSTAL SERVICE REFORM ACT OF 2022—Motion to Proceed—Resumed

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 3076, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 266, H.R. 3076, a bill to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Hawaii.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO BEN RAY LUJÁN

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, now, at the beginning, before I speak on the business of the day, I would like to add that yesterday we were all overjoyed, just thrilled, to hear from our colleague, our dear friend, Senator BEN RAY LUJÁN.

Through his first public video message shared on social media, BEN RAY reiterated yesterday that his recovery is going well; that his office continues to work serving the people of New Mexico; and that he expects, praise God, to make a full recovery.

I have been able to get on the phone with him in recent days. He was chipper. He sounded like the same BEN RAY we have come to know and love, and I can report he is in very good spirits, raring to go.

From now until his return, all of us in the Senate miss him greatly. We are rooting for him. We cannot wait to see him walk through the doors of this Chamber once again to get back to work.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Madam President, now on Senate business, on Postal, last week, as you know, the House passed, with overwhelming bipartisan support—I believe a majority from each party—the most important update to the U.S. Postal Service in decades.

The Postal bill is the definition of legislation that should sail through the Congress. Both sides support it. It had diligent work by both Democrats and Republicans, with major input from

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